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INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES, MARCH QUARTER 1970

This bulletin contains statistics of industrial disputes for the quarter ended 31 March 1970.

The statistics of industrial disputes refer only to disputes involving a stoppage of work of ten man-days or more. Workers indirectly involved are employees thrown out of work at the establishments where the stoppages occurred but not themselves parties to the dispute.

The statistics of industrial disputes are compiled from data obtained from the following sources - (a) direct collections from employers and trade unions concerning individual disputes; (b) reports from government departments and authorities; (c) reports of State and Commonwealth industrial authorities; and (d) information contained in trade journals, employer and trade union publications, and newspaper reports. Particulars of some stoppages (e.g. those involving a large number of establishments) may be estimated and the statistics therefore should be regarded as giving a broad measure of the extent of stoppages of work (as defined).

An industrial dispute occurring in more than one State is counted as a separate dispute in each State. A dispute involving workers in more than one industry group in a State or Territory is counted once only in the number of disputes - in the industry group that has the largest number of workers involved; but workers involved, working days lost and estimated loss in wages are allocated to their respective industry groups. Disputes not settled at the end of a year are included as new disputes in the figures for the following year. Disputes not settled at the end of a quarter are not counted in the number of disputes for the following quarter, but additional workers involved and working days and wages lost are included.

For further information about statistics of industrial disputes see Labour Report No. 53, 1967.

TABLE 1. INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES : AUSTRALIA

Period	Number	Workers involved ('000)			Working days lost		Estimated loss in wages (\$'000)
		Directly	Indirectly	Total	Number ('000)	Average days per worker involved	
1965	1,346	460.2	14.8	475.0	815.9	1.72	8,198
1966	1,273	385.0	9.9	394.9	732.1	1.85	7,302
1967	1,340	472.2	11.1	483.3	705.3	1.46	7,263
1968	1,713	700.8	19.5	720.3	1,079.5	1.50	12,115
1969	2,014	1,244.0	41.2	1,285.2	1,958.0	1.52	22,986
1968 March qtr	370	218.7	6.5	225.1	378.6	1.68	4,031
June "	451	133.0	5.1	138.1	222.3	1.61	2,757
Sept. "	468	160.9	2.9	163.8	237.4	1.45	2,627
Dec. "	424	188.3	5.0	193.3	241.2	1.25	2,700
1969 March qtr	498	184.3	23.6	207.9	332.9	1.60	3,938
June "	401	729.6	4.6	734.2	968.6	1.32	10,783
Sept. "	573	136.3	6.5	142.8	284.8	2.00	3,493
Dec. "	542	193.9	6.5	200.4	371.6	1.85	4,772
1970 March qtr	643	206.9	15.9	222.9	388.5	1.73	4,713

NOTE. For definitions, particulars of coverage of these statistics, etc. see text above.
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TABLE 2. - INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES : INDUSTRY GROUPS, MARCH QUARTER 1970

Industry group	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust. (a)
NUMBER OF DISPUTES							
Agriculture, grazing, etc.	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Coal mining	44	..	9	..	..	..	53
Other mining and quarrying	3	1	..	1	1	..	9
Manufacturing -							
Engineering, metals, vehicles, etc.	143	17	12	15	8	5	201
Textiles, clothing and footwear	1	1	..	..	..	1	3
Food, drink and tobacco	37	19	9	..	6	1	73
Sawmilling, furniture, etc.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Paper, printing, etc.	11	..	..	..	1	..	12
Other manufacturing	19	2	5	1	4	..	31
<u>Total manufacturing</u>	211	39	26	16	19	7	320
Building and construction	23	28	13	4	8	3	83
Railway and tramway services	5	..	3	..	..	..	8
Road and air transport	7	..	1	1	2	..	11
Shipping	4	1	..	..	..	..	6
Stevedoring	54	23	8	9	7	1	104
Amusement, hotels, personal service, etc.	11	1	2	..	..	..	14
Other industries (b)	16	4	4	2	3	1	34
TOTAL	379	97	66	33	40	12	643
WORKERS INVOLVED (DIRECTLY AND INDIRECTLY) ('000)							
Agriculture, grazing, etc.	0.3	..	..	..	..	..	0.3
Coal mining	24.4	..	2.1	..	..	..	26.5
Other mining and quarrying	0.6	0.1	..	*	*	..	1.2
Manufacturing -							
Engineering, metals, vehicles, etc.	45.6	2.8	0.8	8.9	2.7	0.8	62.0
Textiles, clothing and footwear	0.5	*	..	..	..	*	0.6
Food, drink and tobacco	7.0	7.5	2.2	..	0.7	*	17.4
Sawmilling, furniture, etc.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Paper, printing, etc.	0.7	..	..	..	*	..	0.7
Other manufacturing	2.3	0.3	0.3	0.1	1.0	..	3.9
<u>Total manufacturing</u>	56.0	10.5	3.3	8.9	4.5	0.8	84.5
Building and construction	9.1	7.8	4.2	1.0	1.0	0.9	24.8
Railway and tramway services	0.6	..	0.4	..	..	..	1.0
Road and air transport	5.1	..	0.5	0.4	0.2	..	6.2
Shipping	0.3	*	..	..	..	..	0.4
Stevedoring	19.6	18.7	4.5	2.8	3.3	1.2	50.4
Amusement, hotels, personal service, etc.	3.1	0.2	0.4	..	..	..	3.7
Other industries (b)	10.0	9.0	2.2	1.2	1.0	0.3	24.1
TOTAL	129.1	46.4	17.4	14.5	10.1	3.1	222.9

(a) Includes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes communications; finance and property; wholesale and retail trade; public authority (n.e.i.) and community and business services. * Less than 50.

NOTE. For definitions, particulars of coverage of these statistics, etc. see page 1.

TABLE 2. - INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES : INDUSTRY GROUPS, MARCH QUARTER 1970 - continued

Industry group	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust. (a)
WORKING DAYS LOST ('000)							
Agriculture, grazing, etc.	0.6	..	..	..	..	..	0.6
Coal mining	40.7	..	6.0	..	..	..	46.6
Other mining and quarrying	1.0	0.5	..	0.1	0.1	..	2.6
Manufacturing -							
Engineering, metals, vehicles, etc.	83.7	6.6	1.1	13.9	30.3	1.1	137.7
Textiles, clothing and footwear	1.0	*	..	..	..	*	1.1
Food, drink and tobacco	19.6	12.1	4.6	..	0.2	*	36.7
Sawmilling, furniture, etc.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Paper, printing, etc.	1.8	..	..	..	*	..	1.8
Other manufacturing	5.3	0.8	0.9	*	1.7	..	8.7
<u>Total manufacturing</u>	111.5	19.6	6.6	13.9	32.3	1.2	186.0
Building and construction	14.3	16.3	6.5	1.1	1.4	0.9	41.9
Railway and tramway services	0.2	..	0.3	..	..	..	0.5
Road and air transport	4.2	..	*	*	0.5	..	4.8
Shipping	1.6	0.1	..	..	..	..	1.9
Stevedoring	31.6	18.2	6.4	5.0	5.4	2.2	69.1
Amusement, hotels, personal service, etc.	4.1	0.3	0.4	..	..	..	4.8
Other industries (b)	8.1	17.6	1.6	0.9	0.9	0.2	29.8
<u>TOTAL</u>	217.9	72.6	27.8	21.0	40.8	4.5	388.5
ESTIMATED LOSS IN WAGES (\$'000)							
Agriculture, grazing, etc.	7.1	..	..	..	..	..	7.1
Coal mining	490.7	..	90.5	..	..	..	581.2
Other mining and quarrying	10.6	10.5	..	1.7	1.6	..	39.8
Manufacturing -							
Engineering, metals, vehicles, etc.	1,002.9	84.0	12.3	177.8	382.7	14.8	1,685.1
Textiles, clothing and footwear	13.3	0.3	..	..	..	0.3	13.9
Food, drink and tobacco	224.6	149.8	52.5	..	2.6	0.6	430.4
Sawmilling, furniture, etc.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Paper, printing, etc.	23.1	..	..	..	0.2	..	23.3
Other manufacturing	61.1	11.2	10.8	0.3	25.0	..	108.3
<u>Total manufacturing</u>	1,324.9	245.2	75.6	178.1	410.5	15.7	2,260.8
Building and construction	192.2	250.2	88.7	13.3	19.4	9.5	599.4
Railway and tramway services	2.6	..	3.8	..	..	..	6.5
Road and air transport	51.8	..	0.6	0.4	7.0	..	59.8
Shipping	20.6	1.6	..	..	..	..	23.1
Stevedoring	354.3	203.6	71.7	55.9	60.3	24.5	772.8
Amusement, hotels, personal service, etc.	42.3	3.0	4.4	..	..	..	49.7
Other industries (b)	91.1	178.9	16.7	9.3	10.0	2.1	312.8
<u>TOTAL</u>	2,588.1	893.1	352.0	258.6	508.8	51.8	4,713.0

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TABLE 3. - INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES : STATES

Period	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia (a)
NUMBER OF DISPUTES							
1965	832	208	186	48	33	17	1,346
1966	835	179	171	42	25	14	1,273
1967	836	212	159	55	26	29	1,340
1968	965	327	193	83	70	28	1,713
1969	1,133	367	253	72	104	44	2,014
1969 - March qtr	280	87	61	21	33	6	498
June "	215	78	55	9	22	13	401
Sept. "	336	112	65	21	22	9	573
Dec. "	302	90	72	21	27	16	542
1970 - March qtr	379	97	66	33	40	12	643
WORKERS INVOLVED (DIRECTLY AND INDIRECTLY) ('000)							
1965	251.1	121.8	53.6	28.5	12.6	5.1	475.0
1966	210.0	101.5	68.7	8.8	2.9	2.5	394.9
1967	320.2	84.5	46.3	17.4	5.1	6.2	483.3
1968	355.5	172.8	120.2	39.4	18.7	7.8	720.3
1969	521.7	356.4	218.5	102.8	59.1	8.7	1,285.2
1969 - March qtr	102.7	55.8	23.8	8.3	15.6	0.6	207.9
June "	220.4	215.2	164.9	82.9	32.3	5.3	734.2
Sept. "	80.6	38.3	11.9	5.0	4.2	1.1	142.8
Dec. "	118.0	47.2	17.9	6.5	7.0	1.6	200.4
1970 - March qtr	129.1	46.4	17.4	14.5	10.1	3.1	222.9
WORKING DAYS LOST ('000)							
1965	367.9	214.3	189.9	26.4	10.0	3.9	815.9
1966	400.1	219.6	80.7	20.9	6.2	3.1	732.1
1967	468.0	107.3	88.2	18.7	6.0	7.3	705.3
1968	583.4	243.9	138.6	51.1	21.8	13.0	1,079.5
1969	743.8	717.2	238.6	129.0	101.4	9.9	1,958.0
1969 - March qtr	169.1	90.4	25.1	16.8	30.3	0.7	332.9
June "	259.8	396.4	174.5	82.1	37.1	5.5	968.6
Sept. "	166.5	76.7	16.3	8.4	12.2	2.4	284.8
Dec. "	148.4	153.7	22.7	21.7	21.8	1.5	371.6
1970 - March qtr	217.9	72.6	27.8	21.0	40.8	4.5	388.5
ESTIMATED LOSS IN WAGES (\$ '000)							
1965	3,479.1	2,061.6	2,221.2	253.3	100.8	41.4	8,198.5
1966	4,026.0	2,097.2	860.8	199.7	64.5	34.8	7,302.5
1967	4,804.6	1,106.6	886.7	199.0	62.6	82.3	7,263.1
1968	6,653.5	2,731.3	1,701.2	514.6	281.8	149.0	12,115.2
1969	8,666.3	8,619.6	2,523.6	1,551.4	1,284.2	115.3	22,985.7
1969 - March qtr	1,999.8	1,073.5	281.6	196.9	371.1	8.3	3,937.7
June "	2,921.5	4,517.5	1,778.1	939.5	420.4	56.3	10,782.7
Sept. "	1,955.4	1,006.3	186.8	92.8	178.8	33.6	3,492.9
Dec. "	1,789.5	2,022.3	277.1	322.3	313.9	17.1	4,772.4
1970 - March qtr	2,588.1	893.1	352.0	258.6	508.8	51.8	4,713.0

(a) Includes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory.

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